EXHIBIT A

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In the specification:

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6 has been amended as follows:

--This application is a continuation-in-part of [pending provisional application serial number 60/181,622, filed February 10, 2000, pending, and of application serial numbers] each of the following: U.S. Application No. 09/191,232 filed on November 13, 1998, [pending] now U.S. Pat. 6,482,584; [and of] U.S. Application No. 09/378,527, filed on August 20, 1999, pending; [and of 09/390,174, filed on September 7, 1999, pending;] U.S. Application number 09/701,933, filed August 25, 1998, pending, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/920,630, filed August 27, 1997, abandoned; U.S. Application No. 09/390,174, filed on September 7, 1999, pending; and of U.S. Application No. 29/123,227, filed on May 12, 2000, [pending] now U.S. Design Pat. D461,248; the priority of all of which is claimed herein under 35 U.S.C. [Section] § 120. This application is also related to provisional application serial number 60/181,622, filed February 10, 2000 to which the priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e). --